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RE: Smokable Material and Its Method of Preparation
S.N. 930,332 582-845 PM 662

Dear Mr. Reinisch:

We are gratified that eight claims have been found allowable.

The inventors will go along with your proposals regarding the Office action of March 21, 1980. Enclosed is a copy of a manuscript letter to that effect which I received on May 21 from Gus Keritsis. Note that they do not agree with the Examiner as to the obviousness of the rejected claims of their invention.

As we discussed on May 21, by phone, it would be desirable to get alternative dependencies for the method and product claims, but if the Examiner will not accept this approach, we would prefer dependence from the claims 33 and 37 which specify addition of alkali metal salt.

Very truly yours,

Les Inskeep
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Enclosure

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